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**Thursday, September 15****Friday, September 16**

- 8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 **Introduction and Overview**  
*Eric L. Garner, Esq., Program Co-Chair*  
Best Best & Krieger, Riverside, CA
- 9:15 **Case Law Update**  
Changes You Need to Know  
*Stuart L. Somach, Esq.*  
Somach, Simmons & Dunn, Sacramento, CA
- 10:00 Morning Break
- 10:15 **Major Water Development Projects in the West**  
Lake Powell Pipeline  
*Dallin W. Jensen, Esq.*  
Parsons Behle & Latimer, Salt Lake City, UT  
Nevada Pipeline: SNWA In-State Water Resource Development Projects  
*Kenneth A. Albright, Director of Resources*  
Southern Nevada Water Authority, Las Vegas, NV
- 11:15 **New Water Supply Options**  
Underground Storage and Recovery  
*Michele L. Lorenzen, Esq.*  
Ryley, Carlock & Applewhite, Phoenix, AZ  
Desalination  
*Peter M. MacLaggan*  
**Vice President of Project Development**  
Poseidon Resources, San Diego, CA
- 12:15 Q&A Panel  
Members of the Faculty
- 12:30 Lunch Break
- 1:45 **Update on Takings**  
What Constitutes a Taking of Water Rights and How Is That Taking Compensable?  
*Roderick E. Walston, Esq.*  
Best Best & Krieger, Walnut Creek, CA  
*Fred Disheroon, Esq., Special Litigation Counsel*  
**Environment and Natural Resources Division**  
U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC  
*Michael J. Van Zandt, Esq.*  
McQuaid Bedford & Van Zandt, San Francisco, CA
- 3:00 Afternoon Break
- 3:15 **Changing Agricultural Rights to Municipal Rights**  
A Tripartite Discussion  
*William A. Paddock, Esq.*  
Carlson, Hammond & Paddock, Denver, CO  
*Jay F. Stein, Esq.*  
Stein & Brockmann, Santa Fe, NM  
*Lee Kapaloski, Esq.*  
Parsons Behle & Latimer, Salt Lake City, UT
- 4:30 **The Colorado River**  
Today's Issues Facing the Seven States  
*Jeffrey Kightlinger, Esq., General Counsel*  
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA  
*James H. Davenport, Esq., Chief, Water Division*  
Colorado River Commission of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV  
*Peter C. Fleming, Esq., General Counsel*  
Colorado River Water Conservation District, Glenwood Springs, CO
- 5:45 Adjourn

- 9:00 **Overview of Day Two**  
*Paul G. Taggart, Esq., Program Co-Chair*  
King & Taggart, Carson City, NV
- 9:15 **How State and Federal Laws Interact**  
Is State Water Law Still Supreme?  
A Private View  
*Gregory K. Wilkinson, Esq.*  
Best Best & Krieger, Riverside, CA  
A State's View  
*Michael L. Wolz, Esq., Deputy Attorney General*  
Nevada Attorney General's Office, Reno, NV  
A Federal View  
*Christopher B. Rich, Esq.*  
Office of the Field Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior  
Salt Lake City, UT  
**Moderator: Paul G. Taggart, Esq., Program Co-Chair**
- 10:45 Morning Break
- 11:00 **Snake River Adjudication in Idaho**  
Lessons Learned from the Largest Western State Adjudication  
*David R. Tuthill, Jr., PhD, PE,*  
**Administrator, Water Management Division**  
Idaho Department of Water Resources, Boise, ID
- 11:45 Q&A Panel  
Members of the Faculty
- 12:00 Lunch Break
- 1:15 **Ethics**  
Considerations for the Environmental Professional  
*Jill N. Willis, Esq.*  
Best Best & Krieger, Riverside, CA
- 2:15 Afternoon Break
- 2:30 **An Overview of Water 2025**  
The Hot Spots  
Success of Program  
*Antonio Rossmann, Esq.*  
Rossmann & Moore, San Francisco, CA  
Klamath  
*Paul S. Simmons, Esq.*  
Somach, Simmons & Dunn, Sacramento, CA  
Truckee Carson Watershed  
*Pablo R. Arroyave, Deputy Area Manager*  
**Lahontan Basin Area Office**  
Bureau of Reclamation, Carson City, NV
- 3:45 Q&A Panel  
Members of the Faculty
- 4:00 Evaluations and Adjourn



## Western Water Law

# meet your faculty

### Program Co-Chairs

**Eric L. Garner** is involved in water rights, water quality and endangered species issues. He has represented clients in water matters involving parties on the Mojave River, the Santa Maria Valley, the Santa Ana River, the Chino Groundwater Basin, Putah Creek near Sacramento, and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

**Paul G. Taggart** co-founded his firm after representing the State of Nevada for over five years. He has extensive experience in complex civil litigation, particularly in the areas of water rights, real property law, employment law, and election law.

**Kenneth A. Albright** is the Director of Resources for the Southern Nevada Water Authority where he manages and directs a multi-disciplinary team of staff, consultants and agency representatives.

**Pablo R. Arroyave** assists in overseeing management of Bureau of Reclamation in Carson City. His responsibilities include management of the Newlands Project, Truckee River Storage, Washoe and Humboldt Projects.

**James H. Davenport** presently serves as Chief of the Water Division of the Colorado River Commission of Nevada and Special Deputy Attorney General for the State of Nevada.

**Fred Disheroon** has been with the Department of Justice since 1975, and has handled major environmental cases, including the Pacific Salmon litigation involving the Corps of Engineers.

**Peter C. Fleming** became General Counsel for the Colorado River Water Conservation District in 2002. Previously, he was a member of Carlson, Hammond & Paddock in Denver.

**Dallin W. Jensen** specializes in a water law and water right practice representing both public water supply entities and private clients.

**Lee Kapaloski** is a shareholder in the Environmental, Energy & Natural Resources Department of his firm, and concentrates on water law.

**Jeffrey Kightlinger** has been General Counsel for his organization since 2002. He is responsible for directing its legal staff and consulting attorneys, among several other duties.

**Michele L. Lorenzen** practices environmental, natural resources and water law. She assists property owners, districts, and businesses in evaluating, acquiring, permitting, protecting, treating, discharging, and storing water and wastewater.

**Peter M. MacLaggan** is responsible for the development of large-scale seawater desalination projects in California, with over 20 years' experience in water resources planning and management.

**William A. Paddock** represents municipalities, agricultural interests, developers, and individuals in water rights, real property, contracts, environmental, and other related issues.

**Christopher B. Rich** concentrates on federal reclamation law, water law, environmental and natural resources law. He was the lead attorney for the Department in *Nebraska v. Wyoming*.

**Antonio Rossmann** has practiced land use and natural resources law in California for more than 30 years. He is a frequent author and a former chair of the State Bar's Committee on the Environment.

**Paul S. Simmons** is a shareholder at his firm. The firm specializes in the areas of water, natural resources and environmental law, and represents clients throughout California.

**Stuart L. Somach** concentrates on water rights, water quality, federal reclamation law, toxics, natural resources, environmental law, and all phases of civil litigation.

**Jay F. Stein** has practiced water law since 1978 in intrastate and interstate disputes. His firm represents municipalities and private interests throughout the State of New Mexico in water rights matters.

**David R. Tuthill, Jr.**, supervises the regulatory processes for the Idaho Department of Water Resources, including water rights, water right adjudications, safety of dams, groundwater protection and stream channel protection.

**Michael J. Van Zandt** practices in the areas of environmental, natural resources, land use and water law. His practice involves adjudication of water rights before the Nevada State Engineer and in the Snake River Basin Adjudication.

**Roderick E. Walston** recently entered private practice. Previously, he served as both Acting Solicitor and Deputy Solicitor of the U.S. Department of the Interior in Washington, DC.

**Gregory K. Wilkinson** is a member of his firm's Environmental Law and Natural Resources Practice Group. His practice emphasizes water rights, water quality, endangered species and environmental impact reporting issues.

**Jill N. Willis** works in her firm's Environmental Law and Natural Resources Practice Group. She specializes in water rights and related issues. She represents numerous public and private clients.

**Michael L. Wolz** has been with the Nevada Attorney General's Office since 1999. He has represented the Nevada State Engineer in water-related issues for the last four and a half years.

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